



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1062

LCO No. 2968

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Introduced by:
(TRA)

***AN ACT CONCERNING TOTALLED VEHICLES AND CERTIFICATES
OF TITLE.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Subsection (a) of section 14-16c of the general statutes is repealed
2 and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 (a) (1) Any insurance company which takes possession of a motor
4 vehicle for which a certificate of title has been issued in this state, that
5 has been declared a total loss, in settlement of a claim for damage or
6 theft, shall stamp the word "SALVAGE" in one-inch-high letters not to
7 exceed three inches in length on the vehicle's certificate of title except
8 that if the insurance company determines that such motor vehicle has
9 ten or more major component parts which are damaged beyond repair
10 and must be replaced, or if a motor vehicle that has been declared a
11 total loss in settlement of a claim has damage exceeding eighty per cent
12 of the retail value of such vehicle, as determined in accordance with
13 section 38a-353, the insurance company shall stamp the words
14 "SALVAGE PARTS ONLY" in one-inch-high letters not to exceed three
15 inches in length on the vehicle's certificate of title. A copy of such
16 certificate shall be sent by the insurance company to the Department of

17 Motor Vehicles.

18 (2) Any person, firm or corporation which is a self-insurer and owns
 19 a motor vehicle for which a certificate of title has been issued in this
 20 state, that has been declared a total loss, shall stamp the word
 21 "SALVAGE" in one-inch-high letters not to exceed three inches in
 22 length on the vehicle's certificate of title except that if such self-insurer
 23 determines that such motor vehicle has ten or more major component
 24 parts which are damaged beyond repair and must be replaced, or if a
 25 motor vehicle that has been declared a total loss in settlement of a
 26 claim has damage exceeding eighty per cent of the retail value of such
 27 vehicle, as determined in accordance with section 38a-353, the self-
 28 insurer shall stamp the words "SALVAGE PARTS ONLY" in one-inch-
 29 high letters not to exceed three inches in length on the motor vehicle's
 30 certificate of title. Any person, firm or corporation which is insured
 31 other than by means of self-insurance and owns such a motor vehicle,
 32 shall forward the vehicle's certificate of title to the company insuring
 33 such vehicle or the company paying the totalled claim. Such insurer
 34 shall stamp the word "SALVAGE" in one-inch-high letters not to
 35 exceed three inches in length on the certificate of title except that if the
 36 insurance company determines that such motor vehicle has ten or
 37 more major component parts which are damaged beyond repair and
 38 must be replaced, or if a motor vehicle that has been declared a total
 39 loss in settlement of a claim has damage exceeding eighty per cent of
 40 the retail value of such vehicle, as determined in accordance with
 41 section 38a-353, the insurer taking possession of such motor vehicle
 42 shall stamp the words "SALVAGE PARTS ONLY" in one-inch-high
 43 letters not to exceed three inches in length on the motor vehicle's
 44 certificate of title and shall return such certificate to such person, firm
 45 or corporation. A copy of such certificate shall be sent by the person,
 46 firm or corporation to the Department of Motor Vehicles.

47 (3) For purposes of this subsection, "major component part" shall
 48 have the same meaning as provided in subdivision (2) of subsection (a)
 49 of section 14-149a.

Statement of Purpose:

To require that the certificate of title for a motor vehicle that is declared a total loss in settlement of a claim must be stamped that it is for salvage parts only.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]